

NORTH-WEST ITEMS.

Mestine Hunt.

Mr. Winnet while in Winnipeg had both ears frozen. He should have had more sense than expose himself so soon after leaving this part of the mundane sphere.

Mr. Goblet commenced his spring plowing on Friday. Our devil says there are but three seasons here, and he divides them into spring three months, summer six, fall three.

Several capitalists are now in correspondence with some of our citizens, with regard to buying in cattle for breeding and other purposes. While we do not profess to be prophets, we don't mind venturing the opinion that before five years the whole country from Swift Current to the Rocky Mountains, will be covered with herds of cattle and flocks of sheep.

A man arrived in town last week from Winnipeg, along with him came some ten gallons of whiskey. All the way west to this point he managed to secrete his treasure from the inquisitive gaze of the Mounted Police. As soon as he reached the flat he conveyed the cask up the river and cached it in the bank. Some one (or more) probably of our citizens tumbled to the eastern man's rascal, and while he rested in the arms of Morpheus and dreamed of the number of gallons of water the spirits would send, and the wall of fat, he would transfer from the pockets of thirsty purchasers, the cask was removed, and his source of wealth vanished like the baseless fabric of a vision.

Bait-rod.

A large outfit of freighters will immediately leave for Prince Albert to bring up lumber for the proposed new barracks.

Inspector Wood, Dr. Rolph, and a small escort of people, left on Wednesday on a tour of inspection of the several reserves in this district.

Most of the Sioux bucks have left for Prince Albert and gone to some point at present unknown.

The dwelling-house of Farming Inspector Kelly, on the stony reserve, Eagle Hills, was gotten by fire on Tuesday evening last. The cotton ceiling accidentally catching on fire was the cause. Loss nothing.

It is stated here to-day, on what is considered excellent authority that Col. Irvine's present visit to Ottawa is connected with his speedy retirement from the Northwest Mounted Police force. The command, which is that of a thousand men, will be given in all probability to an Imperial officer. The discontent of the police is universal throughout the territories.

AMERICAN.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 15.—Along the levee and rivers of the coast below here the cattle wintered very well, but away from the coast in Colorado, Fort Bent, Brazoria, and other inland counties the cattle did not do so well, having suffered through severity of grass and the ranges, many thousands acres having been swept over by fire. There were not more than the average fatalities, but it is believed that between now and the middle of March many will die of starvation.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—John B. Gough, the renowned temperance advocate, was attacked with a stroke of apoplexy this evening while delivering a lecture. Late to night his condition is pronounced serious.

ORANGEGRAND LODGE.

Election of Officers for the Evening Year.

The annual meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of Manitoba closed last evening with a social entertainment in Albert Hall, tendered to the Grand Lodge by the District Lodge of Winnipeg. There was a large attendance and the affair passed off very pleasantly.

In the afternoon the officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Grand Master, J. M. Robinson, Portage la Prairie.

Past Grand Master, I. Mawhinney, M. P. P., Portage la Prairie; John Niblock, Port Arthur.

Deputy Grand Master, S. McDonald, Winnipeg.

Assistant Deputy Grand Master, Geo. Maxwell, Winnipeg.

Grand Treasurer, F. D. Stewart, Carman.

Grand Secretary, N. F. Hagel, Winnipeg.

Deputy Grand Secretary, H. Rogers.

Grand Lecturer, Wm. Archibald, Douglas.

Grand Director of ceremonies, Geo. Porteous, Woodland.

Grand Chaplain, Rev. F. M. Finn, Morris.

Deputy Grand Chaplain, Rev. M. Jules, Minnedosa; Rev. A. B. Haines, High Bluff.

An Icelandic subscriber at Gimli writes that an unknown man has dwelt around Icelandic river for several months.

The settlers have tried to talk to him in different languages, but in vain. He does not understand German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, French or English. Some think he is a native of Lapland, others Holland. He does represent the latter. He is about 30 years old, 5 feet in height, black hair and beard. Figures are tattooed on his arms, like soldiers have. It is thought that he is out of his mind, as he does not take care of himself but often wanders away in the woods. The writer says the people would be greatly relieved if the authorities would take charge of the man.

Several days ago W. H. Dunbar, V. S. examined four horses said to be troubled with glanders belonging to Mr. Jellebois, of St. Norbert, and ordered one to be shot and the other three to be quarantined. The owner of the horses called on Dr. Little and Dr. Hangan who examined the horses and gave as their opinion that the horses were not glandered.

The board of agriculture then sent for Messrs. F. Lortie, V. S., of Brandon, Mr. Young, V. S., of Pembina Crossing, and D. H. McAdams, V. S., Emerson, who, together with Dr. McEachern and Dr. Dunbar yesterday visited Jellebois' farm and examined the horses. They reported to the board of agriculture that they did not wish to interfere with Dr. Dunbar's decision. Mr. Jellebois has decided to fight the case which will be heard at the provincial police court at 11:30 o'clock to-day.

A Fond du Lac paper, in noticing a wedding which recently occurred in that place, says that each of the parties is under 13 years of age, and both are growing nicely.

SHEA V ORANGEMEN.

A Question in the Commons as to His Appointment.

Mr. Johnston—On Tuesday, to ask the Secretary for the Colonies whether it was true that Sir Ambrose Shea had been appointed Governor of Newfoundland, and whether previous to his appointment he was leader of the Roman Catholic party in the House of Assembly—(laughter from the Irish members) and whether he was responsible for a miscarriage of justice in the colony when an unnamed assembly of Orangemen were fired at. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. H. Galt—On the same day, when the hon. member asked the question, I shall ask the Attorney-General for Ireland whether, in 1860, on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' visit to Canada, His Royal Highness was not insulted by the Orangemen, which gave rise to the following observations in the Times—(“Oh, oh!” and cheers)—“The conduct of the Orange bodies in Canada—(Home Rule cheers)—the more we hear of it, the more does it appear to be a real spectacle of diabolical enmity. One who is not our countryman, but the Hereditary Prince of Wales, was not protected against rudely annoying men whose notion of loyalty is phantasmal. (Home Rule cheers.) The Orangemen from bluster proceeded to threats, and from threats to something not far short of actual violence.” Cheers.)

Mr. Johnston—On Thursday next I shall ask the Chief Secretary whether, on the occasion of the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to Cork, a cannon was fired before the Royal carriage, and the Royal Standard thrown under the horses. (Laughter.)

PARLIAMENT OPENS.

London, Feb. 18. Parliament opened to-day. Both houses were crowded. Lord Hartington took a seat behind the treasury benches and was loudly cheered by the Conservatives. The crowd outside the Parliament buildings, when usually gives an enthusiastic reception to the Prime Minister only, hardly received Mr. Gladstone upon his arrival. There is a general feeling of discontent over the management of the Government's statements regarding its proposed new measures. The fact that the Government made no announcement on its programme for the introduction of bills affecting Ireland is taken as an indication that the cause is not intended as to what course it shall pursue.

In the House of Lords the Marquis of Salisbury said he would want to see what changes six weeks would give to the policy of the Government. His remark was greeted with cheers. The Tories vainly tried to goad Lord Rosebery, the Foreign Secretary, to speak on the situation in the East which is very critical.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone said the desire of the Government was to propose to the House measures of a positive and substantial character, dealing with Ireland respecting social order and the questions of land and the future Government of Ireland, including a method for such government. He said that a further statement on the subject would be made on the 22nd of March. The House resumed the debate on the address in reply to the Queen's speech. Lord Randolph Churchill and the rank and file of the Tories abused and worried Mr. Gladstone, and provoked from the Prime Minister a dignified speech, in which he said that the Government had a severe and difficult task, which it would endeavor to perform resolutely and as speedily as possible. Lord Salisbury, commenting on this afternoon's announcement in the House of Commons and House of Lords by Mr. Gladstone and Lord Rosebery respectively, complains that the Government is “treating Parliament and a powerful interest with singular levity.”

Mr. Chamberlain denied that there is any dispute or difference of opinion concerning the Government's policy towards Ireland, between himself and the colleagues in the Cabinet.

The Parties are content with Mr. Gladstone's statement, and say they will wait until April for the disclosure of his proposals regarding Ireland.

IRELAND.

Farmers are still drawing their grain to market, a great many are taking their wheat to Cherry Creek. Great complaints are being made of the uncertainty of the price at Vinden and Oak Lake. Wheat that only brought 45 cts. per bushel at Vinden, when taken to Plum Creek has sold for 35 cts. per bushel, and at Oak Lake wheat was sold for 40 cts. which brought 55 cts. per bushel in Brandon. Farmers can't do better, this arbitrary grading is shameful. At Brandon for a good article they get a fair price, also at Plum Creek.

A few days ago a farmer had to throw off five sacks of wheat to lighten his load, and on his return from Brandon, was somewhat surprised to find that his sacks had been taken by someone who understood no distinction between meum and tuum.

The winter with the exception of a few days has been very pleasant, and with lectures and parties friends have been quite lively.

In April the Presbyterians expect to again have a prober amongst them.

FOREIGN.

New York, Feb. 27.—The counsel for Mrs. Violet Dudley, who shot O'Donovan Rossa a year ago, is authority for the statement that she is cured, that a certificate to that effect will be sent to the State Department of lunacy who will take her before a Supreme Court Judge and obtain an order for her release from the insane asylum. He says the State Board of Charities have decided not to take any action looking towards sending her back to England. When O'Donovan Rossa was informed of the expected release of Mrs. Dudley he became suddenly grave, and suggested that she would probably be sent back to England, and expressed himself as not sure that she would not try a repetition of her attempt on his life.

London, Feb. 17.—A despatch received here by the police authorities this morning, states that a training ship, broken out on board the naval training ship, Arethusa, lying in the Thames, off Greenwich, and asking for assistance. A detachment of police was immediately sent on board the ship to quell the rioting. The outbreak was soon suppressed by the police. Seven of the mutineers were fogged and expelled from the service.

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Brandon Weekly Mail

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1886.

THE BRANDON SOUTH WESTERN.

We must confess, we cannot understand the reasons of the C. P. R. for longer delaying the construction of the Brandon South Western Railway through Plum Creek. The other day one of our citizens received a private letter from Mr. Van Horne stating he was aware there was a promise made that this would be the first branch the company would undertake, but that they were not in funds to go on with it at present, and he did not know when they would be. At the same time our Board of Trade received a reply from the same source, to enquiries on the same subject, but this was also very indefinite and somewhat equivocal. He said there was no definite promise made on the subject, but much as the company desired to go on with the work, they had not the means to enable them to do so.

There is no denying the fact that it was an assurance from the C. P. R. that this line would be built at an early day, that the entire Plum Creek neighborhood was settled. Many men went in there three and four years ago leaving comfortable homes and favorable prospects in Ontario, and taking with them considerable means, which they have fully expended in developing the country, on the positive assurance that the line would be built at an early day, and now there are no certainties. These people have "hoped against hope," and still they are assured of nothing. If this were a colonization scheme, or a long piece of road with questionable returns for expenditure, we could see the force of the company's argument, under the circumstances, but as it is neither, the objections advanced are not very formidable. In the first place twenty miles of a track over one of the best parts of the country, that could not cost more than a few thousand dollars in construction, and operated by one train a day each way, would for the time greatly relieve the settlers. It would give them an outlet for their produce, at least, and that is what is more especially desired. It is true that nothing short of penetrating the coal fields and extending to the Western part of the province will fully meet the requirements, and even this would not be an expensive undertaking, and it need not be done all at once. The company have received large grants from the Dominion Government, considerable assistance from the Local Legislature, and if necessary the people would be willing to supplement the total by liberal bounties. Under the circumstances, if the grants and means available were properly applied there should not be further delays on these scores.

In our opinion, it would not be a wrong move for a delegation from the City Council and the Municipality along the proposed road, to visit Mr. Van Horne and elicit something definite on the spot. It is the lack of means, the company should say what encouragement they would accept, and go on with the work. As matters stand our South Western farmer cannot possibly make a success of their business, and the company ought to say how they could be induced to consider their circumstances.

Disappointing the people in this branch may be a sad mistake for the company. Brandon is the first C. P. R. town west of Winnipeg, and the first one to which it has made railway promises. A breach of faith with Brandon will shake the confidence of other points to the west and may result in considerable disappointment. For its own good, and to assure other points to the west looking for the fulfillment of promises, it would be well for the company to strain a point and keep faith with the people along this projected railway—do as they mean to do, and let them see their pledges, as far as they can command the means to enable them to do so.

HOUSING IN EARNEST.

With the Grits of the country are talking of "troubling meetings" it would not be amiss to remind them there was a general house at Alexander, on Thursday last, under the auspices of the Liberal Conservative party. Although the day promised unfavorably, there were upwards of 50 farmers, representative men of the municipality, present and over 32 without the assistance of any such men as Mr. Daltry, signed the roll; and what is of much more importance every one of the number is determined to see a handsome majority is rolled up for the Liberal Conservative candidate, when the election comes around. For the purpose of organization, Mr. Beach took the chair, and Mr. C. W. Speers acted as secretary. The following association officers were then appointed: Mr. Jos. Hain, president; Mr. G. G. Hilliard, secretary. For the six townships commencing with No. 1 the following were present: W. H. Adams, C. W. Speers, H. Jones, Jas. Speers and S. Hanna. These latter gentlemen will by virtue of their offices become presidents of township associations. They will call the friends and supporters to gather at the proper time, for the selection of a delegate from the townships to the convention, to bring out a candidate, and will be responsible for the vote of their townships when occasion calls for it. Of this we are certain the Whitehead association will do its duty at the proper time.

THEN AND NOW.

Smellfungus, of the Winnipeg Grit print, has taken an over dose of the "cranks," and his condition is giving alarm to his medical adviser, to say nothing of the trouble it is causing his political sponsors. The Mail had asserted that the circumstances pointed to the fact that Laxton was fully aware of the character of the anti-immigration resolutions, if indeed he was not the framer of them, before they were published to the world, and the statement is but another red rag on the horns of the mad bull. However the increased floundering gives but additional traces to a reason for the accusation, no matter how it may intensify the danger of the lunatic's complaint.

He says editorially a frequently written for the Free Press after midnight. This may be—there is certainly nothing strange in the circumstance that a man who would lend himself to establishing a newspaper in the interest of the Norquay Government, after assisting in pulling down of two papers in opposition to that government, should in the interest of Manitoba "reform," have a way of his own of doing business. We repeat, however, and we will be backed up by all who are aware of the facts in the case, that the editorial matter of all well regulated morning papers, excepting such as may be suggested by midnight telegrams, is invariably written before six o'clock of the previous evening. If the double-headed bourgeois-political nondescript has a way of his own of doing business, it does not lessen the force of our statement.

Again he says "the resolution was passed one morning and the Free Press had an editorial comment on it next morning," when the truth is, if our information is correct, it was passed about 10 o'clock one evening, and the Free Press endorsed it next morning editorially. However laying aside all the circumstances that have aroused the jealousy and indignation of our bellicose neighbor, his responsibility to the country is none the less, wriggle and distort as he may. By representing to a misguided people, disappointed at the result of their own rash speculations, that the country had grievances, which the figure head was aware only existed in imagination, a resolution fanned by a disgruntled clergyman and a broken down carpenter, and clothed in falsehoods was published to the world as the unqualified conviction of the farmers of this country. The heart's desire of Laxton and his coadjutors in disturbance was at the time to raise the whole country in rebellion against the Ottawa government, and thus give the Grit party a lift. The effort of the patriots has, however, failed—the Farmers' Union is driven to the winds and the Grit popularity that brought it into being is exposed in all its splendor. Hence the effort of Laxton and his accomplices to crawl from under. But it is too late. If Laxton did not draft those damning resolutions, he at least endorsed them, with all the favor of his jerky, excitable nature, and he must now bear the consequences. "Cracking" and "lunacy" will not release him. The issues of his paper bearing the impress of the spirit that fanned the flames are still in existence, and much as the newspaper monger may desire, he is not likely to hide his head in the sand, he cannot evade the responsibility.

To be patriotic, our Manitoba opposition ought to be consistent. Joseph Martin and Thomas Greenway, for instance, pay away on the salaries of the ministers and the salaries of the deputies and clerks of Manitoba, in comparison with those paid in New Brunswick, but these their patriotism ends. For the sake of throwing more light on the subject, we may say Manitoba pays annually \$18,000 to members, for indemnity and mileage, or, and as large of \$642 to each of the 30 members. On the other hand New Brunswick, with a representation of 40 members pays out for the same service annually \$14,400 or \$360 each. If the opposition parties are anxious to have the expenditures of this country reduced to the New Brunswick basis, would it not be well for them to commence by moving first that their own salaries be reduced to the figures paid by the maritime provinces? A move in this direction would have an air of sincerity about it.

That little daisy on wheels at Winnipeg, the editor of the Commercial, is driven into the worst of humors because the C. P. R. will not listen unto a call for gross injustice, and give discriminating freight rates to the Metropolis. Because a few Brandon houses are commencing to do a little jobbing with the country merchants around the L. & N. has sworn an oath to annihilate the C. P. R. from and all. If they will not give Winnipeg special through rates to make this western jobbing an impossibility, to come to the fact the L. & N. knows full well, that beyond possessing a desire to foster selfishness, Winnipeg has done nothing to merit special favors at the hands of the C. P. R.; and if the Winnipeg merchants and their champion cannot live on equal treatment, the best thing they can do is to go west. If Winnipeg merchants cannot compete westerly with western dealers, the best thing they can do is to pull up stakes and locate in Brandon, where they will be enabled to do so.

The liver secretes bile to move the bowels; the kidneys secrete urine, to carry off uric acid, which would poison the blood; the stomach secretes gastric juice to digest or dissolve the food, etc. Barlock's Kidney Pills acts upon these organs, and purifies the blood by clearing all the secretions of the system.

Evidently Mr. Gladstone has a hard road to travel in the British House of Commons, and he richly deserves what must ultimately be his fate, defeat. Virtually the only issue between himself and the late premier was the Irish question, and as he intends to solve that by giving piecemeal Home Rule to Ireland, and in taking an electoral first step towards the dismemberment of the empire, he fully merits the trouble that awaits him, which will be ultimate defeat and mortification. We can not for a moment think there is a majority in the House that will follow him in trucking with the wish of the Parliaments.

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A motion was made at Osgood Hall yesterday to set aside the verdict of \$8,000 damages in favor of the plaintiff in *Masse v. Irish Canadian* on various grounds. After argument, the court suggested the parties had better try and fix upon the amount themselves, and in case of disagreement, the court will decide. Toronto, Feb. 24.—Dr. Timony of New York, presided in the pavilion at the Horticultural Gardens to an immense congregation to-day. Crowds were unable to gain admission. He lectures to-morrow night on "Work and its Worth."

At the annual dinner of the sergeants at the Queen's Own mess last night, Col. Miller, who was one of the guests, referring to the contemplated trip of the regiment to England, said that, although the scheme at first presented several serious difficulties, they were not insurmountable, and he hoped at least 400 of the regiment will be able to go. The Allan line has agreed to take each member there and back for \$35. No assistance would be got from the government, and each man would have to bear his own expenses. The details of the scheme would shortly be submitted to the regiment.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The city council last night adopted, after a stormy discussion, the recommendation of the executive committee not to increase the liquor license fee, or to reduce the number of licenses. They also decided to enforce the by-law requiring each street car to have a conductor. The liquor men are mad at the Ontario government for again increasing the license fees, and say it will ruin the small hotels, and that they will charge ten cents per glass for whiskey in the future. The temperance men are jubilant.

The widow of the late Prince Eugénie is supporting herself and child by singing in Vienna beer saloons.

Dr. Feenish, the president of a female college at Pittsburg, has been found guilty of lying and other offences and is suspended from the ministry.

Cork, Feb. 17. The character of commerce in this city has descended from the action of the Dublin chamber of commerce in favor of the maintenance of the union of Great Britain and Ireland, and has adopted a resolution favoring Home Rule.

The News says that the British Government's Greek policy is founded on the belief that war between Turkey and France would postpone rather than accelerate the settlement of the Greek claims. Greece, the News declares, must trust Mr. Gladstone and yield.

VITAL QUESTIONS.

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TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. J. K. Foster returned from a visit east on Monday.

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Brandon can boast of two experts in canine anatomy—and both prominent tobacconists.

Geo. Milford a d. d. was fined \$1.00 and costs by the Mayor for a peculiarity the other day.

Harry Smith, a Wobesley wage, was sent down for 30 days by the Bench on Monday, in the absence of a V.

Her many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. W. G. McKay is not enjoying the best of health, and that her symptoms bear evidence her mind is giving away.

A correspondent of the Virden paper calls himself "An honest man, the noisiest work of God." That's not a bad recommendation, anyway.

Mr. Geo. Bowden passed on a purchasing tour today, and Mr. Geo. Craig will take a rest from business bustle by going the same way next week.

Our Conservative friends should not forget the meetings in Clinton school house, Elton, this Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, and the one at Ouellet's, in the centre of Daly at 7 p. m. on Friday, the 11th of March.

Mr. J. W. Home, who has been in Winnipeg for the last month or so, speculating real estate, and buying up mortgages at half their true value, returned on Tuesday last, and is now again measuring business in this city.

The monthly sale at the Royal Hotel was exceedingly well attended last week, and the proceeds realized were shown that bottom has been reached in the price of stock etc. The building was good, and about \$2,000 worth of stock and effects reported to have changed hands.

Victoria City, B. C., has two representatives in the Local Legislature, the one named S. Duck and the other M. W. T. Drake. During a contest there must be great "squashing" in that constituency.

Cherry Creek is getting to be a place of some notoriety. The other day three or four of the would-be citizens commenced to erect shanty buildings on each others' lots, and they all disappeared under cover of the night. Such was the excitement over the affair that Mayor Webster read the riot act.

The Grits are going to have a grand pow-wow in this city on the 10th of March, at which it is more than likely a sermon will be preached by Joseph Martin, M. P. P., one of the most clerical looking of the party, over the remains of the Farmers' Union.

Henderson's Directory for 1886, published by James Henderson, Winnipeg, is out, and is a most comprehensive and well finished volume. In addition to its being a directory, in the strict sense of the term, it contains much valuable information as to officials, that cannot be found elsewhere.

Capt. Clark, grain inspector, was in the city Tuesday, on a trip west. He stopped over to examine the sample of barley Messrs. Parrish, Hanbury and Co. are sending up to Battleford under a contract they have for supplying the government with 5,000 bushels.

It is reported that Mr. Murray, Chief of Police Winnipeg, and Mr. McKenzie, a detective, have been suspended. The report is that they having made a raid on some of the bagnios took the female offenders to a law office, and compromised the penalty themselves by accepting sums which only covered the lawyers' fees and other "incidentals." The story is that when the Council saw the City was no richer by the raid, they suspended the officials pending an investigation.

Messrs. Webb, Smith and Devine, had the police court to themselves a considerable portion of last week. It appears that the Webb father and son, charged H. Devine with abusive language, and the latter was mulcted in \$1.00 and costs. They then turned on one Smith and he was treated in the same merciful manner by the Mayor. As a retort Devine and Smith then had an information against Webb and he received the same treatment meted out to the defendants in the other actions.

The doctors fell out of the Farmers' Union and now the head has gone the same road, as D. L. McKenzie, of Winnipeg, who was to handle the entire grain receipts of the corporation, build elevators for them, etc. etc. has cleared out. Through the business of the Union there are doubts of farmers through the country, as we understand it, will lose in sums varying from \$50 to \$1,000. We certainly feel for the honest, hard working farmer who has been duped into the pit and suffered for his credulity, but it will teach them all that governments cannot be torn to pieces, and trade and commerce revolutionised by the blatherings of a few broken down demagogues.

Those of our readers interested in the construction of a railway from Brandon South West, and especially those of them in city and country who are willing to assist it by talking stock, should attend the meeting in the City Hall this (Thursday) evening. In our editorial columns we have shown many of the necessities for the road, and the meeting tonight is to consider steps to secure it. We trust there will be a full attendance, as there is no subject of more importance to Brandon and the South Western country.

The Orangemen and their friends in the neighborhood of Faribolton school house held a most successful entertainment on Wednesday last. The school house was more than filled as many were unable to obtain even standing room and were compelled to take refuge in the tent adjoining the building. The repeat furnished was of excellent character, and received ample justice at the hands of the multitude present. With lunch over the literary part of the entertainment began, by Mr. John Parr showing his genial countenance in the chair. A string band organised for the occasion, rendered the choicest music at intervals during the evening. In the absence of the programme, which the correspondent promised to mail us, but which has not reached, we are unable to give the particulars, but what with music, vocal and instrumental, dialogues, recitations and speeches from Messrs. C. W. Speers and Cliffe, a most satisfactory evening was concluded. During the enjoyment of a second lunch a cake was contested for between a married and a single lady, and it is needless to say the single lady was elected with a large number of back townships to hear from. The entire proceeding netted the snug little sum of \$117.50. After the programme was brought to a close, the seats were cleared, and tripping the light fantastic toe was indulged in until daylight appeared next morning.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 17. — The brakemen on the third division of the Southern Pacific Railway have quit work in sympathy with the striking railroad brakemen of New Orleans. No freight trains left here to day on the Southern Pacific. How far west the strike extends is not yet known but the indications are it will extend to San Francisco. A report is current that the engineers will also strike, as they have been dissatisfied since last fall, because of certain dismissals. Trouble is also anticipated in the Texas Central Railway.

Lord Salisbury, speaking at a banquet Thursday evening, said that recent events had cast grave responsibility upon the Queen. He feared that Mr. Gladstone would not yield Home Rule to Ireland all at once, but by instalments. Mr. Gladstone, he said, was destroying the power of the landlords, and was not creating anything capable of promoting peace and prosperity. The Tory Irish policy was plain and right, that of restoring and upholding the law and preserving the union.

FRUIT AND CONFECTIONERY.

The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has purchased the fruit and confectionery business owned by Mrs. Beggs, and will continue business in the old stand. He will keep in stock the best of everything in the line, in season, and will sell at the very lowest living prices.

I am thoroughly experienced in the business and will therefore guarantee satisfaction to all.

FRUITS OF ALL KINDS.

CONFECTIONERY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

OYSTERS IN SEASON.

THE BEST STOCK OF PIPES, TOBACCOS & CIGARS IN THE CITY.

WEDDING CAKES MADE TO ORDER.

W. H. AGTON.

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On Friday the 10th inst. a banquet was given by Messrs. Arnold and Knapman, to celebrate the opening of the new hotel in this town. The chair was ably filled by John Govenlock, County town of Seaford, Ont. After full justice had been done to the excellent repast placed on the table by the worthy hosts, and the cloth withdrawn, the influential company present settled down to the enjoyment of a jovial and convivial evening. The chairman in an eloquent speech, proposed the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and Royal Family," which was enthusiastically received and responded to by Messrs. W. J. Good and A. Leitch. The chairman then proposed "The Dominion Government and Provincial Legislature," which was eloquently responded to by C. W. Speers Esq. The next toast "The Mercantile and Commercial interests of the province," was coupled with the name of Mr. Robert Mulligan, of Brandon, who replied in a most effective speech, dwelling at some length on the past and present state of trade, and forecasting a grand future for the province. He advocated greater railway facilities for the purpose of developing the country, and prognosticated that when the Hudson Bay route was opened, which would be very shortly, the commerce of the world would pass our doors. Following Mr. Mulligan's speech came a song by Mr. A. Leitch. The next toast "The Railway Facilities of the Province," was very appropriately responded to by Mr. H. N. Morrison.

The manufacturing interests were responded to by Messrs. Jas. Hales and T. Ingram. Song Mr. W. J. Good. The press was responded to by Mr. Martin. The ladies by Hon. Donald McKinnon and Mr. Knapman. Song Mr. Jas. Shea. "The host," was responded to by Mr. Arnold. Song Mr. Knapman. After singing the National Anthem, the company dispersed, having enjoyed a most happy and social evening.

OAK LAKE.

Our flour mill being erected Messrs. D. Moore & Son under the able management of Mr. T. Bates, is now nearing completion, and will be running in the course of ten or twelve days, when we will have as complete a mill as any in the Province.

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A comparison of our sales for the year just closed with the year previous, show an increase of over 30 per cent., and for the three months ending 31st Dec. '85, double. We are thankful to our patrons for their evident appreciation, and we enter upon the labors of the new year with fresh courage. Our aim is to offer only desirable and thoroughly reliable goods, at prices that must be entirely satisfactory.

We call your attention to the following seasonable goods:

Winter Dress Goods, New Colors.

New Trimmings and buttons to match.

Newest Things in Ladies' Collars and Cuffs, Children's Lace Collarets, Oriental Laces—all widths, Valenciennes Lace, Trimmings, Edges.

REPEAT ORDERS delayed on the road just to hand in Boys' and Girls' Grey Lamb Caps, Ladies' Grey Lamb & black Fur caps, Astrachan Coats all sizes, Ladies' and Gents' Astrachan Caps, Muffs, Kid Mts, Buffalo and Seal Tonnillets, Moccasins, More's Ear protectors, &c.

WE OFFER Boys' and Men's Overcoats at reduced prices, also Lined Robes, many desirable lines of goods that we find hanging will be offered at prices To Clear regardless of cost.

Come & See Us.

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